BOMBAY COURIER
EXTRAORDINARY.

MONDAY, JUNE 13TH 1825.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

THE Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to publish for General information, the following Extract of a Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, dated the 31st of December, 1824.

EXTRACT of a Letter from the Honorable the Court of Directors, in the Public Department, dated the 31st December, 1824.

PARA. 18. With this view we have adopted the following Regulations, viz.

19. That after an actual residence in India in the Civil Service of ten years or upwards, a covenanted Civil Servant of the Company upon either of the Establishments of Bengal, Madras, or Bombay, shall be entitled, whether on account of ill health or from any other cause and without reference to his private fortune, to come once to Europe on leave for three years, and to receive for that period from the Company's cash an allowance of £500 per annum, provided that in no case shall a greater number of Servants come home under this Regulation annually, than seventeen from Bengal, nine from Madras, and six from Bombay, nor shall a larger number of Servants who may have come home under this Regulation be absent in the whole at one time than Fifty one from Bengal, Twenty seven from Madras, and Eighteen from Bombay, and that the preference shall be given first, to servants producing Medical Certificates upon Oath that a visit to Europe is indispensably necessary for the restoration of health, and then to servants in their order of seniority, according to rank assigned to them by the Court of Directors in the gradation List of the Service.

20. That in cases of Civil Servants compelled by illness certified upon Oath to come to Europe previous to their completion of an actual residence in the Civil Service of ten years, such covenanted Servants shall each be presented with the sum of 2,000 Sicca Rupees as Passage Money, and shall be entitled for a period not exceeding three years to an allowance from the Company's Cash of £250 per annum, but that servants having received this indulgence shall not, in the event of their again coming to Europe after having completed a residence of ten years or upwards, be entitled to any allowance under the first Regulation except their return be again occasioned by illness to be in like manner Certified upon Oath, and then only to the difference between what they have before drawn in the shape of Absentee allowance exclusive of Passage Money and that of £500 per annum for three years.

21. That Servants coming in the first instance to the Cape of Good Hope, for the benefit of their health, and being compelled from the same cause to come from thence to Europe without previously returning to India, shall be considered as entitled to the benefit of the foregoing Regulations.

22. That in all cases as well in those of Servants coming in the first instance to the Cape, as well as of those coming direct from India, the said allowances be considered as commencing from the date of leaving India, and terminating at the expiration of three years from that date, or at the time of arrival in India, whichever may first happen.

23. That the same be paid half yearly in Europe.

24. That on no account or plea whatever the allowances in question be extended beyond the period of three years, and

25. That any Servant being in the receipt of absentee allowance from a Civil Fund, shall not be entitled to receive during the same period of absence, the allowances prescribed by these Regulations beyond such amount as may bring the total of his annual receipts from both sources to the sum hereby limited.

26. We desire that upon the receipt of this Dispatch you promulgate these Regulations for the information of Civil Servants upon your Establishment.

27. In carrying the Regulations into effect you will proceed as follows, viz.

28. To such Servants as may produce the requisite Medical certificates you will as the cases arise grant the benefit of the Regulations from the date of their promulgation, always taking care as to Servants of above ten years standing that the indulgence be not granted in any one year (that is to say, from the date of the promulgation of the Regulations of the 31st of December 1825 in the first year and from January to December inclusive in all succeeding years) nor in the aggregate to a greater number than the limit specified in the Regulation. You will issue a notice requiring such Servants of above ten years standing, not afflicted with sickness, as may wish to avail themselves of the Regulations, to apprize you thereof in writing on or before the 31st December in each year commencing with 1825, and to such as may give you that intimation you will grant the indulgence in order of rank to such extent as that no more than six of the Applicants of each year who have served ten years (or eighteen at one time in the whole) shall be permitted to come whether on sick certificate or otherwise.

29. You will observe that the number of those of less than ten years service who may avail themselves of our Regulations is not limited.

30. We rely upon your vigilant attention to guard against any abuse of the indulgence now communicated.

31. We desire that in every case of a Civil Servant upon your Establishment being permitted to come to Europe under the Regulations now communicated to you, he be furnished with a certificate from the proper officer specifying the grant of the permission, and whether granted upon Sick Certificate or for private Affairs, also specifying as nearly as possible the date of embarkation for Europe, and that he also be furnished with a certificate from the Managers of the Civil Fund, if proceeding under Sick Certificate, notifying either that he will receive no allowance from the Fund during his absence in Europe, or if he is to receive any, the nature and extent of such relief. You will instruct the Servants obtaining such certificates to produce them upon their arrival in London, to our Auditor of India Accounts. Duplicates of the Certificates are to be forwarded to us once in every three months.

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D. GREENHILL,
Acting Sec. to Govt.

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